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Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am writing in response to some information I am aware of concerning antibiotic usage in livestock feed. It is Petition #99P-0485.

It is a dangerous practice to include antibiotics in livestock meals because it results in less effective medications for sick humans who need the antibiotics. Farmers and livestock breeders use the antibiotics to fatten up the chickens, cows and pigs, and to keep them healthier due to poor living conditions. This is what needs to be addressed. It is very inhumane to let the helpless creatures suffer in tiny cages and barns without movement or healthy living conditions.

If and when livestock producers clean up their acts and provide decent living conditions for cows, pigs and chickens, we will all rest assured that the practically unavoidable antibiotics that are now a part of both of our diets, can be evaded. When a person is ill and must take an antibiotic to get better, that person should not have to worry about the possibility of the drug not working because he or she had a hamburger or pork chop for dinner the night before. Humans are picking up antibiotic-resistant strains from eating treating meats.

Let's listen to the reports stating the ineffectiveness of antibiotics on humans when used on animals. Please inform me of your thoughts and decisions on this frightening problem.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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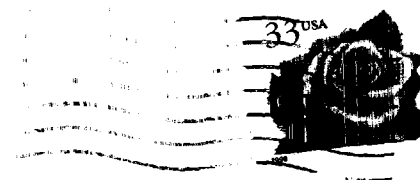
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